

From St. James' With Love

Corner of Lake and Main
P.O. Box 249 Hammondsport, New York 14840
September-October 2019

St James Vision Statement: God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community. . . . let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

From the Warden's Corner

This will get you caught up on what has been happening at St. James. We completed three new exit signs in the sanctuary, new lights on the hymn board, lectern, and pulpit, and finally a new ceiling and much needed up to date electrical work in the Sacristy.

Vacation Bible School was held at the Methodist Church. Mary White reported that it was a great turn out, with about 60 children plus adults enjoying a great program. Thank you for your support of needed items. Thank you Gregg Learned for replacing the dead tree in the front yard.

Jim Grillo got a landscaping crew to roll, mulch, and seed our side yard. Thank you Jim.

Gregg and crew are replacing two steps leading into the Sacristy. Thank you Gregg and crew.

Our water give a way is ongoing thanks to Joan Rogerson heading a bake sale plus items to be sold to support mission.

Services are being held at Brookdale and the Taylor Center thanks to Ellie Boutwell, Nancy Folts, and Marilyn Dowdle.

We are doing some supplies for our Hammondsport School District consisting of water bottles, tooth brushes, and toothpaste. The district will be supplying all of the other needed supplies at no cost to families.

Rev. Linda Leibhart is supplying for Rev. Lynne while she is on sabbatical. Linda has been sharing her abundance of fresh vegetable from her garden with us.

Nick Forenz has purchased a new surplice in memory of his father and mother-Dominick Forenz and Helen Forenz Canfield.

Jim Grillo has also purchased a new surplice in memory of his father-James Grillo Sr.

Thank you all for your support these past few months. We are so blessed at St. James. I feel I have had so much support as Senior Warden. There are so many small jobs and large jobs and someone is there to do them. That makes St. James what it is, a community of thoughtful, God loving people who come to worship and use their time and talents for the good of St. James.

See you at the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on September 14.

Peace be with you,

Leah

ROAR! Life is Wild! God is Good!

by Mary White

And it's a wrap! Community Vacation Bible School 2019 was a huge success thanks to the participation of all the area churches and especially the Hammondsport United Methodist Church for hosting. An average of 55 students from grades pre-k to 6th grade participated daily along with 14 fabulous teen helpers. In total there were 41 volunteers that contributed their time and talents in so many ways – registration, kitchen help, general supervision, clerical work, teachers – the list is endless.

Every day started with an opening assembly including a skit, joyful music with hand motions, the daily Bible point and key verse and prayer. Each grade level group then rotated through different stations including snack (Hungry Herd Café), science and crafts (Imagination Station), recreation (Stampede Sports), crew time to pray and discuss the day's lesson and watch a brief video (KidVid Cinema and Wild Bible Adventures). The day ended by gathering together to sing, pray and review the day's lesson.

If you would like to hear about the specific activities please ask Patty Forenz or Mary White to share their experiences.

Prayer List

Baby Mason, Marietta, Adrienne, Connie M., Brett, Florence & family, baby Claire & family, Gladys, Ashtin, Craig, Jeff K., Suzy, Mary Beth, Michael S., Hollie, Dawn, Muriel, Charlie, Heather, Renee, Chanowa, Joe, Donna, Anne, Nancy, Eva Marie, Alexander, Sandra, James R., Owen, Miles, John, Lindsey, Doug, Jackie, Michelle, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Tell Your Friends and Neighbors!

On September 14th we will be hosting our annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. It will run from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. And for the reasonable donation of Adults: \$9.50, Children 6-12: \$5.00 and free for under 6 years old, you can enjoy a wonderful dinner. We will be serving homemade chicken and biscuits, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cole slaw, a beverage and a yummy dessert.

Take outs are also available.

If you have not yet signed up to furnish ingredients and/or help with set-up on the 13th or with the dinner on the 14th, there is a sign up list on the bulletin board in the undercroft. These dinners are a rewarding way to use your time and talents because you serve the public a good meal, you work hard, but have fun with your fellow parishioners, and you help support the church.

Outreach and Mission

The Mission Committee met in June and recommended to the Vestry that \$200 be given to the Hammondsport Community Vacation Bible School, \$500 to Samaritan's Purse for the weather related disasters in the Mid-West, \$300 to Doctors Without Borders, , \$200 to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and \$500 to Rev. Lynne for her sabbatical expenses.

The committee would like to fund a new opportunity this year, Operation Shoe Box sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Interested people would fill a shoe box with small items to be sent to a third world country for Christmas. Information will be available in the undercroft. Janetmarie Skinner (569-2841) can be contacted for more information. Also the committee would like to remind us that in September we provide the Food Pantry with personal care items and desserts. We will also do the same in December.

News From Around Our Grounds

Summer is a busy time around the outside of our building. More goes on than just the shoveling snow and de-icing that happens in the winter. We have several updates for you.

- Jim Grillo cleared the area between the church and our Main Street neighbor in preparation for a landscaper to help us with several lawn issues that have arisen.
- Gregg Learned has someone coming to repair our front and back steps.
- Gregg Learned has had the dead tree in the front yard removed and replaced with a Chinese Dogwood (Cronus Sousa) and Gregg and Mary White will water the tree and lawn as needed.
- Nick Forenz trimmed our bushes
- Tom Bidwell repaired the hinge on the kitchen door.
- Lawn mowing is going well.

Art Show and Craft Show table

During the Hammondsport Art Show and during the Hammondsport Craft Show many people pass by our church on foot. As a parish we decided to take advantage of this foot traffic to accomplish several aims. We want to be a visible presence in our community, we want to offer tours of our beautiful building, and we want to raise money for mission.

We set up tables in our side yard and provide free water to man and beasts passing by-man's in bottles and beast's in bowl. We have a prayer request box and we sell yummy goodies and hand made crafts.

The weather did not cooperate for either show. During the Art Show we got rained out Saturday afternoon and Sunday. We still earned around \$60. Once again during the Craft Show we got rained out about 3pm on Saturday and 1:30pm on Sunday. Despite this we earned \$128.25 for those two days. We are also complimented for our beautiful building by those who tour the church. Many thanks to all who gave their time and talent either baking, creating crafts, or enticing people to stop and buy those items. We even had some people stop their cars to purchase yummy treats.

Bible Study Resumes Monday September 23rd at 4:00pm

Studying Paul's Letter to the Galatians

No experience necessary. No great knowledge of the Bible required before hand.

Some people have expressed a hesitation to join Bible Study as they feel they are not familiar enough with the Bible in depth and are afraid they will be "in over their head". The answer to that is- NOPE. We are all on our faith journey and we seek to help others on their journey.

The Bible provides us so much to contemplate and even great theologians sometimes struggle to understand it. The group is set up to be a safe community where we discuss and learn about the Bible without overwhelming anybody. The letters of Paul were written to educate and inspire early Christians and have much to offer modern day Christians as well. Hope to see you there.

**Book Study to Resume October 7th
Meets First and Third Mondays at 6:30 pm
with Orthodoxy, by G. K. Chesterton 2015 edition**

The same thing holds true for Book Study that is true for Bible Study. We are not Rhodes Scholars—we are just people reading books that we hope will give us something to think about and that will help us with our faith journey. Discussing with others what we think about what we read helps us to broaden our understanding. We may agree with something, we may disagree with something, but we get a chance to share our interpretations and perhaps clarify our own beliefs. If you would like to join us, we would like you to read Chapters 1-4 before the first meeting. The book is available from Amazon for about \$7.00. You can order your own, or Joan Rogerson can order one for you.

**St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals
October 6th**

This will be the second year that Rev. Lynne has offered the Blessing of the Animals after church for St. Francis Day. This blessing will take place outside the church in the front yard. Last year we had several animals including dogs and guinea pigs that were blessed. If your animal is not suitable for bringing as it is a cow or other large animal difficult to transport or if your animal is shy and would not care to be brought to the church, a picture or other representation of your pet can be used. The animal does not have to be an Episcopalian, animals of other faiths or denominations are also welcomed.

**2019 Crop Walk
Sunday, October 20th**

Crop Walks are sponsored by Church World Service and are held to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays in the local community. The Bath Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 20th. Stay tuned as more information will be forthcoming.

**Funeral Planning and Planned Giving
October 27th 11:00am till noon**

It is often following a burial service that we each begin to think about our affairs. Did you know that you could sit with Rev Lynne and plan your funeral service? You will be given time on your own to consider readings and hymn choices; communion or not, Rite I or Rite II, readers and pall bearers. You can decide which, if any, family and friends you would like to have say a few words at the service. You can start to make decisions about cremation or coffin, burial or scattering, and the time and place for that to happen before or after the funeral or memorial service. It is a lovely gift for your family to know exactly what you want when the time comes. While you are considering your affairs we also invite you to consider leaving a gift to the church either in the form of an item, such as a window, chalice, or linens, or a monetary gift. If you would like to create your plans, or update your plan, contact Rev Lynne at 569-2647.

All Saints Day November 4th
Reading of Named of the Departed

There will be special music an flowers to commemorate this occasion and will read the names of your dear departed. Please give the names to Rev Lynne by phone, email,or leave a note in the collection plate. Reminders will be placed in the bulletin a few weeks prior.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept 14th-4:00 to 6:00pm Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
 Sept 19th-9:30 Women's Breakfast at Chat-a-Whyle
 Sept 21st- Rev. Lynne returns
 Sept 23rd-4:00 Bible Study Resumes (every Monday)
 Sept 28th-2:30 Brookdale
 Oct 6th-10: 20 Blessing of the Animals
 Oct Crop Walk -GET INFO
 Oct 7th-6:30 Book Study Resumes (1st and 3rd Mondays)
 Oct 17th -9:30 Women's Breakfast (place to be announced)
 Oct 20th-Bath Crop Walk
 Oct 27th- Diocesan Convention-See Diocesan Website

Lay Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Readers	Ushers	Sunday School
9/1	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	S. Pulver M. Samson	N. Folts M. Dowldel	J. Rogerson
9/8	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	K. Derr J. Grillo	C. Manikas P. Manikas	D. Noteware
9/15	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	A. Edmister L. Graulich	M. Piersons J. Piersons	K. Derr
9/22	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	M. Samson S. Pulver	N. Forenz P. Forenz	N. Folts
9/29	M. White	J. Grillo	L. Graulich A. Edmister	L. Grillo M. Dowdle	J. Derr
10/6	L. Nichiporuk	M. White	M. White S. Pulver	J. Skinner C. Skinner	K. Derr
10/13	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	K. Packard K. Derr	L. Grillo M. Dowdle	N. Folts
10/20	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	L. Graulich J. Grillo	C. Manikas P. Manikas	D. Noteware
10/27	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	M. Samson S. Pulver	M. Piersons J. Piersons	J. Rogerson